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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6127**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 63

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 28, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Minimum Standards for Child Care.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Lawson C

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Crawford

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill defines and amends the use of certain terms for purposes of the law concerning the federal Child Care and Development Fund voucher program (CCDF). The bill extends the expiration date of the Board for Coordination of Child Care Regulation to November 1, 2005.

The bill specifies individuals included in certain voucher program requirements. It specifies certain minimum requirements for CCDF participation by child care providers. The bill requires continual supervision by a caregiver of a child in the care of a CCDF provider, a child care home, or a child care center. The bill makes conforming amendments. The bill also repeals the definition of the unused term "voucher agent". (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill has two cost components. The Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulations is extended through November 1, 2005. The Board is currently scheduled to expire in 2004 and is a 17-member board consisting of 4 legislators, 10 lay members, and 3 state employees. The Board is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees ranging from \$12,000 to \$18,500 per interim for committees with 16 members or more.

The second component affects the Family and Social Services Administration. The agency is required to adopt rules to implement several provisions listed in this bill. Given the current staffing and budget, the agency should be able to absorb these costs. The agency is currently in the process of promulgating rules for Child Care Center licensing. Several of the minimum standards in this bill are included in the proposed rules.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Family and Social Services Administration.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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